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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERNS OUTLINED REF A. HOWEVER, WE WOULD WITHDRAW INSISTENCE ON INSERTION OF "PERMANENT" IN PARAGRAPH ON CONSTRUCTION ONLY IF PHILIPPINE SIDE AGREES TO "PRIOR CONSULTATION" IN LIEU OF "PRIOR AGREEMENT".

2. FYI. OUR CONCERN IS THAT DOD IS CURRENTLY MEETING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ITS FACILITY REQUIREMENTS WORLDWIDE THROUGH USE OF SEMIPERMANENT MODULAR RELOCATABLE BUILDINGS, WHICH COST ANYWHERE FROM \$260,000 FOR AN 80-MAN BEQ TO \$485,000 FOR A 12,600 SQUARE FOOT HANGER. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE REASONS WHY SUCH CONSTRUCTION IS USED EXTENSIVELY:

A. TO MEET URGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR WHICH PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION TAKES TOO LONG.

B. BECAUSE U.S. FORCES CAN ERECT THE UNITS UTILIZING A MINIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, AT LESS OUTLAY OF FUNDS.

C. BECAUSE CONSTRUCTION COSTS ARE NORMALLY LESS THAN FOR PERMANENT STRUCTURES.

D. THE BUILDINGS CAN BE REMOVED, SHOULD THE NECESSITY ARISE, AS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN SOUTH VIET NAM AND THAILAND.

3. WITH REGARD TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING STRUCTURES, CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES IN THE U.S. OFTEN DICTATE THE USE IN EXISTING BUILDINGS OF MODULAR WALLS, CEILINGS, AND FLOORS. A CASE IN POINT IS THE INSTALLATION OF AN AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING UNIT INTO AN EXISTING STRUCTURE. IN MANY INSTANCES, MODULAR WALLS, CEILINGS, AND "FLOATING FLOORS" ARE UTILIZED, ALONG WITH PACKAGE AIR CONDITIONERS FOR THE ADP EQUIPMENT.

4. WITH RESPECT TO BOTH CONSTRUCTIONS AND ALTERATIONS, PRESENT TEXT MIGHT ENCOURAGE THE PHILIPPINE BASE COMMANDER TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF MODULAR COMPONENTS AND UNITS AND INSIST ON PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION REGARDLESS OF OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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FINANCIAL OR OTHER MEANS TO MEET MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AS DETAILED IN PARA 1 ABOVE SINCE SUCH RELOCATABLE MODULAR COMPONENTS AND UNITS WHEN RETROGRADED WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR GOP REUSE. END FYI. ROBINSON

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